

## Notice of Billing Rate Change

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a rate change in its Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP). Previously the cost recovery rate varied, but on the average was approximately \$40 per hour for project management plus a 10% surcharge on contractor invoices to cover indirect costs. As of the start of the new fiscal year, July 1, 2003, the VRP has begun using a new flat rate of \$65 per hour for project management and the surcharge on contractor invoices has been eliminated. The rate change will not affect the rates charged by any IDEM contractors or laboratories, which may be utilized by IDEM for a project. This rate change applies to all VRP applications **received on or after July 1, 2003**. Any applications that were received prior to this date will not be affected. This is the first rate change in the program since its inception in 1993.

IDEM has determined that this rate change will maintain an effective and efficient Voluntary Remediation Program. State general fund revenues are not available to further subsidize the program and available federal grant dollars are declining.

The revised rates will allow the program to be self-funded as originally designed and the program will not make a profit, consistent with the statute. Should you have any questions concerning this rate change, please contact me at (317) 234-0966 or via e-mail at [pdorsey@dem.state.in.us](mailto:pdorsey@dem.state.in.us).

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